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For: Pectins, Process for their Production, Acidic  
Protein Foods Employing Them and Process  
for their production

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4, 6 and 9 as follows:

4. (Amended) The process according to any one of claims 1 to 2 [3], wherein the root vegetable is a tuber or corn.

6. (Amended) A pectin produced by the process of any one of claims 1 to 2 [5].

9. (Amended) An acidic protein food produced by the process of claim 7 [or 8].

Please add the following new claims 11 and 12:

11. An acidic protein food produced by the process of claim 8.

12. The process according to claim 3, wherein the root vegetable is a tuber or corn.

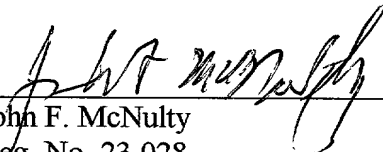
Remarks:

The above amendments are made in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims that would otherwise be improperly depended upon other multiple dependent claims, to place them in proper U.S. form.

A clean copy of amended claims 4, 6 and 9 is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clean copy of amended claims 4, 6 and 9

4. The process according to any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein the root vegetable is a tuber or corn.

6. A pectin produced by the process of any one of claims 1 to 2.

9. A acidic protein food produced by the process of claim 7.

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